

Menendez	Pryor	Stabenow
Merkley	Reed	Udall (NM)
Mikulski	Rockefeller	Warner
Murray	Sanders	Webb
Nelson (NE)	Schumer	Whitehouse
Nelson (FL)	Shaheen	

NAYS—34

Alexander	Cornyn	Lugar
Barraso	Crapo	McCain
Bennett	DeMint	McConnell
Bond	Enzi	Reid
Brownback	Graham	Risch
Bunning	Grassley	Sessions
Burr	Gregg	Shelby
Chambliss	Hatch	Snowe
Coburn	Inhofe	Thune
Cochran	Isakson	Wicker
Collins	Johanns	
Corker	Kyl	

NOT VOTING—12

Begich	Murkowski	Udall (CO)
Byrd	Roberts	Vitter
Hutchison	Specter	Voinovich
Kennedy	Tester	Wyden

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 53, the nays are 34. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. I enter a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the Dorgan amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is entered.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the cloture motion on the bill be withdrawn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF HAROLD HONGJU KOH TO BE LEGAL ADVISER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 140.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be legal adviser of the Department of State

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move

to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be legal adviser of the Department of State.

Harry Reid, Mark L. Pryor, Sheldon Whitehouse, Daniel K. Inouye, Russell D. Feingold, Christopher J. Dodd, Roland W. Burris, Richard Durbin, Patty Murray, Jon Tester, Mark Udall, Amy Klobuchar, Jack Reed, Max Baucus, Jeff Merkley, Blanche L. Lincoln, Maria Cantwell, Byron L. Dorgan.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask the mandatory quorum call be waived. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. I ask now we proceed to a period for morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRAVEL PROMOTION ACT

Mr. REID. Madam President, let me say a brief word on the cloture that was not invoked on the travel bill. I hope everyone understands what obstructionism is. This is obstructionism at its best. It goes along with what the Republicans said they wanted to do and that is stop everything, as indicated in the Roll Call newspaper last week.

This is a bill that saves the government money, almost a half billion dollars over 10 years. It would create, in the first year after passage of the bill, 40,000 jobs.

Republicans killed this over the most fictitious reasoning. They said they were not allowed to offer amendments. That is absolutely false. In fact, we had an agreement that they could offer amendments. There were no restrictions on what they could offer. They wanted to offer amendments regarding TARP. They wanted to offer five of those. Fine, I said, go ahead. We had one amendment we want to offer. They said: No, we just want to offer ours, you can't offer yours.

Every State would benefit from this legislation because tourism is so important and popular in every State, but the Republicans killed this. Is there any wonder they have lost, during the last two election cycles, by election, 15 Republican Senators? Is it any wonder? They are so enthralled with the status quo they want no improvements of anything, including they don't want to save the government a half billion dollars, they don't want to improve tourism because this may be another victory for President Obama.

I am certainly aware of the work done by the committee. The Commerce Committee works so hard. Senator

ROCKEFELLER was ill. He badly injured himself. Senator DORGAN stepped forward to get it out of that committee so we could do this. It is good for every State. Tourism is good for New Hampshire, it is good for Nevada, it is good for North Dakota, it is good for Wyoming, and it is good for Idaho. The Republicans killed our ability to save half a billion dollars. They killed our ability to create 40,000 new jobs. Tourism is a trillion-dollar industry in this country. The Republicans killed this legislation.

Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, if the Senator will yield for a question.

Mr. REID. I would be happy to.

Mr. DORGAN. Last Thursday, the majority leader and I stood in that aisle. The question was going to be, under what conditions would this Travel Promotion Act come to the floor of the Senate? We said: You know what, tell us what amendments you need. Tell us which amendment you wish to offer and we will give you some. So it ended up five amendments on their side, three on ours, as a start. It was not going to be a limit, but we were going to start with five and three. They showed us their five. None had anything to do with this bill. We said: Fine, you can offer those five, no problem. They were all about TARP, troubled assets and so on. We said fine. Then we showed them the three to be offered on this side, and they looked at three of them and said this one we will not allow to be offered. All of a sudden, the minority was deciding they could offer all of theirs, but they will not allow the majority to offer one amendment that deals with the issue of the price of gasoline.

The result was we now had a vote against cloture on an issue dealing with travel promotion on a piece of legislation that raises \$500 million and reduces the deficit \$500 million in 10 years. It is pretty unbelievable to me. I asked the question earlier today, if we can't agree on a piece of legislation that in the last Congress was supported by over 50 Senators, Republicans and Democrats, dealing with promotion of tourism and creating jobs and promoting this country's economic interests by asking international tourists to come to this country, you are welcome to come and see America and understand what America is about—if we cannot agree on that, how on Earth will we agree to get amendments on energy, health care, climate change, and so on? It is so disappointing.

Mr. REID. Madam President, if I could respond to my friend, we had, this year, 11 Republican sponsors of this bill. Nine of them voted against cloture, nine of the eleven. That, to me, is hard to calculate as being within the realm of sensibility. What in the world did they accomplish, other than maybe they are following the Senate GOP, still saying no?

But should they say no to things—maybe they should have a better rationale, saying we can't do this, it is a